

STATE OF MARYLAND
Maryland Energy Administration

CLASS III SMALL PROCUREMENT (Up to \$25,000)

Radio or TV Media Summer Campaign

PART I - PURPOSE

The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) is an agency of the State of Maryland. MEA is authorized by State law to maximize energy efficiency, increase the use of renewable and clean energy sources, and improve the environment.

MEA is seeking assistance in creating a radio or television campaign to generate awareness of ways to save money through energy efficiency throughout Baltimore City, Maryland.

PART II – GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Incurred Expenses

The State of Maryland will not be responsible for any costs incurred by any Offeror in preparing and submitting a quotation in response to this solicitation.

B. Contractor Responsibilities

The State of Maryland will enter into a contractual agreement with the selected Offeror only. The selected Contractor shall be responsible for all products and services required by this solicitation.

C. General Contract Conditions

Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall include the following contractual terms and conditions as demonstrated in the sample Contract, Attachment A. (See generally, COMAR 21.05.07.06 (F)).

1. Parties to the Contract
2. Scope of the Contract
3. Length of the Contract
4. Compensation and Method of Payment
5. Contract Modification Clause
6. Dispute Clause
7. Maryland Law Prevails Clause
8. Non-Discrimination in Employment Clause
9. Termination for Default Clause

- 10. Termination for Convenience Clause
- 11. Delays and Extension of Time Clause

D. Compensation

The Contractor shall submit on a bi-weekly basis, an invoice for the total hours worked for the period stated in the invoice for all activities performed as outlined in Section III Scope of Work below. A proper original invoice shall be submitted to the Procurement Officer. Included with the invoice shall be a document detailing description of actual work performed and the hours associated with the work. The Contractor shall sign a statement on the detail that certifies the information is true and correct. Payments to the Contractor pursuant to any resulting contract shall be made no later than thirty (30) days after the State's receipt of a proper original invoice from the Contractor. Each invoice must reflect the Contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number, or Social Security Number.

E. Protest

The State provides avenues for any vendor to protect against the award or the proposed award of a contract. All protests should be filed in accordance with COMAR Title 21, State Procurement Regulations, Subtitle 10, Administrative and Civil Remedies.

F. Minority Business Enterprise Notice

Minority business enterprises are encouraged to respond to this PUBLISHED SOLICITATION and to obtain certification. Questions relevant to certification should be directed to the Maryland Office of Minority Business Affairs at (410) 767-8232.

A Minority Business Enterprise Subcontracting Goal has not been established for this PUBLISHED SOLICITATION

G. Compliance with Law/Arrearages

By submitting an offer in response to this solicitation, the Offeror, if selected for award, agrees that it will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances applicable to its activities and obligations under the contract. By submitting an offer in response to this solicitation, the Offeror represents and warrants that it is not in arrears with respect to the payment of monies due and owing the State of Maryland, or any department or unit thereof, including but not limited to, the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and if selected for award, that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of the contract.

H. Acknowledgment of Amendments

Although no amendments to this solicitation are anticipated, this solicitation requires the acknowledgment of the receipt of all amendments, addenda, and changes issues.

PART III – SCOPE OF WORK

- A.** At the direction of MEA staff, the contractor will air a radio spot or develop and air a television commercial to create awareness of ways to save money through energy efficiency in the target demographics throughout Baltimore City. The campaign will run as early as June through July/August of 2009 and it will target adult, Baltimore city residents, ages 18-64.
- B.** Contractor should provide in the proposal value-added elements and creative ideas which would benefit the community and extend the reach of funds under this campaign.
- C.** Prior to release of any product, the Contractor must submit completed work to the Administration's designee for review and acceptance or rejection.
- D.** Contractor shall perform all work in a confidential manner and will not discuss any material with persons not under the supervision of MEA.
- E.** Pursuant to State Government Article 15-508, the Contractor shall not be eligible for award of any contracts that result from the drafting of specifications. Contractor shall execute a conflict of interest affidavit (attached) upon award of the contract.

PART IV – PROPOSAL FORMAT

All proposals shall be prepared in a straightforward and concise manner, delineating the Offeror's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the PUBLISHED SOLICITATION and, specifically, the requirements for the tasks listed in Part III, Scope of Work. **While there are no specific page limitations, please be concise.** Proposals will contain the following information:

A. Letter of Transmittal – A Letter of Transmittal on the Offeror's business stationery will accompany the Technical Proposal. The sole purpose of this letter is to provide a record of transmittal of the proposal in addition to the receipt of all amendments, addenda, and changes issued. The letter should be brief and signed by an individual who is authorized to commit the vendor to the services and requirements stated within the PUBLISHED SOLICITATION.

B. Technical Proposal

1. Title Page -Contact information for the organization and all personnel who will perform the work; phone; fax, email or web addresses, and Federal ID numbers.

2. Demonstration that the Offeror's personnel have the ability to provide significant reach into Baltimore City, Maryland.

C. **Price Proposal** – The Offeror shall prepare and sign a price proposal. The price proposal shall be in the form of a single hourly rate which shall apply to all Contractor assigned personnel for the duration of the contract. Financial information submitted shall be irrevocable for a period of ninety (90) days after the due date of the proposal.

PART V – EVALUATION CRITERIA

One station group will be selected based on the ability to reach largest percentage of the geographic and demographic targets within the suggested budget. A review panel consisting of MEA staff will review proposals and may interview Offerors.

All proposals that are in compliance with requirements and qualifications will be evaluated based on the following criteria. Technical is more important than price.

1. Daypart Distribution:
 - Recommend the best use of your station's resources to reach the largest audience within the demographic and geographic area.
 - Recommend the best schedule you can run in June /July/August time frame within the budget.
 - For radio, produced: 30 spots may be provided, but capabilities of in-house studio production would be viewed as a strength.
 - For TV, stations will be required to produce an appropriate in-house commercial under the direction of MEA staff.
2. Added Value Proposals
 - Provide unique community outreach events or opportunities in order to get the message in front of the target audience.
 - Provide opportunities where stations may hand out brochures on energy savings or other creative outreach ideas to be implemented.
 - In addition to paid advertising schedule, please provide a strategy to airing PSA's and booking MEA spokespersons on public affairs shows.
 - Other unique or creative ideas will be considered.
3. Price

If, upon review of the proposals, the review panel has further questions, Offerors may be invited for oral presentations.

PART VI – BASIS OF AWARD

MEA may, at its sole option, enter into discussions with each responsible Offeror and ask the Offerors to submit “best and final offers” before making an award. Thereafter, the award of the contract will be made to the responsible Offeror whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the State.

Electronic submissions of the Technical and Price Proposals in a portable document format (PDF, must be compatible with Adobe Acrobat Reader) are due to the attention of Maria Ulrich (mulrich@energy.state.md.us) at the Maryland Energy Administration by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2009. A return e-mail will acknowledge receipt of the proposal.

Maria Ulrich
Maryland Energy Administration
1623 Forest Drive Suite 300
Annapolis, MD 21403

Please address your questions to Maria Ulrich, (410) 260-7752.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A– Is the State’s Contract. It is provided with the RFP for informational purposes and is not required at proposal submission time. However, it must be completed, signed and returned by the selected Offeror to the Procurement Officer expeditiously upon notification of proposed Contract award.

ATTACHMENT B – Bid/Proposal Affidavit. This form must be completed and submitted with the Offeror’s technical proposal.

ATTACHMENT A – CONTRACT

Radio or TV Media Campaign Consulting Services

**THIS CONTRACT, entered into this _____ day of _____, 2009,
by and between the**

**STATE OF MARYLAND
Maryland Energy Administration
1623 Forest Drive, Suite 300
Annapolis, Maryland 21403**

hereinafter ("Administration")

and

INSERT INFORMATION

hereinafter ("Contractor"):

**WHEREAS, this procurement has been determined to be a small
procurement of \$25,000 or less and issued in accordance with the requirements of
State Procurement Regulations (COMAR 21.05.07 et.seq.); and**

**WHEREAS, the Administration has chosen the Contractor, and the
Contractor has agreed to perform the work herein and be bound by the terms of
this Contract;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants
herein contained be it agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:**

ARTICLE I - NATURE OF CONTRACT

**This Contract is for services the value of which is up tp \$25,000 and is
generally governed by the Small Procurement Procedures established pursuant to
Title 21 of the Code of Maryland Regulations, particularly COMAR 21.05.07, and
the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.**

ARTICLE II - SCOPE OF WORK

To this end, the Contractor agrees to carry out the work described in Exhibit A, Scope of Work which is attached hereto and is expressly incorporated herein and made a part of this Contract.

ARTICLE III - TERM

The term of this Contract shall be from XXX, through August 31, 2009. No work may be initiated under this Contract until the contractor has been instructed to proceed by the Administration.

ARTICLE IV - PAYMENT

The scope of work set forth above shall be performed during the term of this Contract for up to but no more than \$25,000.00 Dollars. The total price reflects completion of each task specified in the Scope of Work. Each task shall be completed as specified in the Scope of Work. The Contractor shall submit invoices for all costs incurred in accordance with a standard format including but not limited to the Contractor's Federal Tax Identification Number of XXXXXXXX, and a Contract Identifying Number set out above. Invoices shall be due and payable within 30 days of receipt by the Administration.

To this end, the Contractor agrees to carry out the work described in its Proposal Responding to the Administration's Request for Proposals, submitted on DATE SUBMITTED, which is attached hereto and is expressly incorporated herein and made a part of this Contract.

To the extent that any terms or conditions contained in the incorporated Proposal from the Contractor conflict with the terms and conditions contained in the Administration's contract form, the terms in the Administration's Contract shall take precedence and be controlling.

ARTICLE V - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The Contractor is not an employee of the Administration but is an independent contractor as that term is normally defined. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing all supplies and materials necessary for performance of all work under the Contract, and for withholding any taxes and social security payments due under the Contract. The Contractor is not an agent of the State of Maryland or the Administration and cannot commit the State or the Administration

to any expenditure of funds or enter into any contractual obligation on behalf of the State.

ARTICLE VI - WARRANTY

The Contractor agrees to prosecute all work under this Contract continuously and diligently, and to meet all milestones contained in the Scope of Work. The Contractor shall be responsible for the supervision and inspection of, and the technical accuracy and coordination of all data and work pursuant to this Contract, and shall produce a product meeting professional standards of quality and methodology.

ARTICLE VII - CHANGES

This Contract may be amended only with the written consent of both parties. Amendments may not change significantly the scope of the Contract (including the Contract price).

ARTICLE VIII - DISPUTES

Disputes arising under this Contract shall be governed by State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 15, Subtitle 2, Part III, Annotated Code of Maryland, and by COMAR 21.10 Administrative and Civil Remedies. Pending resolution of a dispute, the Contractor shall continue to perform this Contract, as directed by the Procurement Officer.

ARTICLE IX - TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

If the Contractor does not fulfill obligations under this contract or violates any provision of this Contract, the State may terminate the Contract by giving the Contractor written notice of termination. Termination under this paragraph does not relieve the Contractor from liability for any damages caused to the State. Termination hereunder, including the determination of the rights and obligations of the parties, shall be governed by the provisions of COMAR 21.07.01.11B.

ARTICLE X - TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The State may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, without showing cause upon prior written notice to the Contractor specifying the extent and the

effective date of the termination. The State shall pay all reasonable costs associated with this Contract that the Contractor has incurred up to the date of termination and all reasonable costs associated with termination of the Contract. However, the Contractor may not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits which have not been earned up to the date of termination. Termination hereunder, including the determination of the rights and obligations of the parties, shall be governed by the provisions of COMAR 21.07.01.12A(2).

ARTICLE XI - NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

The Contractor shall comply with the nondiscrimination provisions of federal and Maryland law.

ARTICLE XII - ANTI-BRIBERY AFFIDAVIT

The Contractor certifies that, to the Contractor's best knowledge, neither the Contractor; nor (if the Contractor is a corporation or partnership) any of its officers, directors, or partners; nor any employee of the Contractor who is directly involved in obtaining contracts with the State or with any county, city, or other subdivision of the State, has been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or of the United States.

ARTICLE XIII - CORPORATE REGISTRATION

Pursuant to 7-201 et seq of the Corporation and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, corporations not incorporated in the State shall be registered with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, before doing any interstate or foreign business in this State. Before doing any intrastate business in this State, a foreign corporation shall qualify with the Department of Assessments and Taxation.

ARTICLE XIV - TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION

If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation in any fiscal year succeeding the first fiscal year, this Contract shall be terminated automatically as of the beginning of the fiscal year for which funds are not available. The Contractor may not recover anticipatory profits or costs incurred after termination.

ARTICLE XV - MARYLAND LAW PREVAILS

The law of Maryland shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Contract.

ARTICLE XVI - INDEMNIFICATION

The State shall not assume any obligation to indemnify, hold harmless, or pay attorney's fees that may arise from or in any way be associated with the performance or operation of this Contract.

ARTICLE XVII - SPECIFICATIONS

All materials, equipment, supplies or services shall conform to Federal and State laws and regulations and to the specifications contained in solicitation.

ARTICLE XVIII - CONFLICT OR INTEREST LAW

It is unlawful for any State officer, employee, or agent to participate personally in his official capacity through decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, advice, or investigation in any contract or other matter which he, his spouse, parent, minor child, brother, or sister, has a financial interest or to which any firm, corporation, association, or other organization in which he has a financial interest or in which he is serving as an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee, or any person or organization with whom he is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment, is a part, unless such officer, employee, or agent has previously complied with the provisions of State Government Article, Section 15-501 et seq of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

ARTICLE XIX - NON-HIRING OF EMPLOYEES

No employee of the State of Maryland or any department, commission, agency or branch therefore whose duties as such employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this contract shall, while such employee, become or be an employee of the party or parties hereby contracting with said State of Maryland or any department, agency or branch thereof, (COMAR 21.07.01.05).

ARTICLE XX - ASSIGNMENT

This Contract and the monies which may become due hereunder are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the Maryland Energy Administration's Procurement Officer.

ARTICLE XXI - CONTINGENT FEES

The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bonafide employee or agent working for the contractor, to solicit or secure this agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bonafide employee or agent, any fee or other consideration contingent on the making of this agreement.

ARTICLE XXII - EXTENSION

The parties may extend this contract, under the same terms and conditions, by a mutual agreement in writing.

ARTICLE XXIII - POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Article 33, Sections 14-101 through 14-104 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which require that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland, including its agencies, or a political subdivision of the State, during a calendar year under which the person receives in the aggregate \$10,000 or more, shall on or before February 1 of the following year file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of political contributions in excess of \$500 to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election.

ARTICLE XXIV - COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that:

A. It is qualified to do business in the State of Maryland and that it will take such action as, from time to time hereafter, may be necessary to remain so qualified;

B. It is not in arrears with respect to the payment of any monies due and owing the State of Maryland, or any department or unit thereof, including but not

limited to the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of this Contract;

C. It shall comply with all federal, State and local laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to its activities and obligations under this Contract; and

D. It shall obtain, at its expense, all licenses, permits, insurance, and governmental approvals, if any, necessary to the performance of its obligations under this Contract.

ARTICLE XXV - MERGER

This Contract embodies the whole agreement of the parties. There are not promises, conditions, or obligations referring to the subject matter, other than those contained herein or incorporated herein by reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract by causing the same to be signed on the day and year first above written.

CONTRACTOR

Witness By _____ (SEAL)
Name, Title

**STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND ENERGY**

ADMINISTRATION

Witness By _____ (SEAL)
Malcolm Woolf
Director

THIS SMALL PROCUREMENT CONTRACT FORM (Rev. 3/98) HAS BEEN APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMAR 21.03.02.02 BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE OF THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION. ANY ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO, OR DELETIONS FROM, THIS FORM MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE BEFORE SIGNATURE OR PERFORMANCE OF ANY WORK UNDER THIS CONTRACT. UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES, MODIFICATIONS, OR DELETIONS WILL RENDER THE ADMINISTRATION'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS CONTRACT VOIDABLE AT THE ADMINISTRATION'S ELECTION.

ATTACHMENT B – BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT

A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I am the (title) _____ and the duly authorized representative of (business) _____ and that I possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit on behalf of myself and the business for which I am acting.

B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION

The undersigned bidder hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct: In preparing its bid on this project, the bidder has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not engaged in "discrimination" as defined in §19-103 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. "Discrimination" means any disadvantage, difference, distinction, or preference in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or commercial treatment of a vendor, subcontractor, or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or on the basis of disability or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics regarding the vendor's, supplier's, or commercial customer's employees or owners. "Discrimination" also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of "discrimination". Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that, if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the bid submitted by the bidder on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid. As part of its bid or proposal, the bidder herewith submits a list of all instances within the past 4 years where there has been a final adjudicated determination in a legal or administrative proceeding in the State of Maryland that the bidder discriminated against subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, and a description of the status or resolution of that determination, including any remedial action taken. Bidder agrees to comply in all respects with the State's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

C. AFFIRMATION REGARDING BRIBERY CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business (as is defined in Section 16-101(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies has been

convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to Criminal Procedure Article, §6-220, Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of, bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows (indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of person(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the business):

D. AFFIRMATION REGARDING OTHER CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has:

(1) Been convicted under state or federal statute of:

(a) A criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract; or

(b) Fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records or receiving stolen property;

(2) Been convicted of any criminal violation of a state or federal antitrust statute;

(3) Been convicted under the provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. §1961 et seq., or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. §1341 et seq., for acts in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;

(4) Been convicted of a violation of the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, §14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;

(5) Been convicted of a violation of §11-205.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;

(6) Been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in subsections (1)—(5) above;

(7) Been found civilly liable under a state or federal antitrust statute for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;

(8) Been found in a final adjudicated decision to have violated the Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland with regard to a public or private contract; or

(9) Admitted in writing or under oath, during the course of an official investigation or other proceedings, acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in §§B and D(1)—(8) above, except as follows (indicate reasons why the affirmations cannot be given, and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, and the status of any debarment):

E. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities, including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows (list each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceedings, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, the grounds of the debarment or suspension, and the details of each person's involvement in any activity that formed the grounds of the debarment or suspension).

F. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OF RELATED ENTITIES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

(1) The business was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

(2) The business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows (you must indicate the reasons why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification):

G. SUB-CONTRACT AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, has knowingly entered into a contract with a public body under which a person debarred or suspended under Title 16 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction related services, leases of real property, or construction.

H. AFFIRMATION REGARDING COLLUSION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business has:

(1) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the accompanying bid or offer that is being submitted;

(2) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the bid price or price proposal of the bidder or offeror or of any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for which the accompanying bid or offer is submitted.

I. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, the provisions of Section 13-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which require that every business that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate \$100,000 or more shall, within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of the contracts, leases, or other agreements reaches \$100,000, file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

J. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, Election Law Article, §§14-101—14-108, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland, including its agencies or a political subdivision of the State, during a calendar year in which the person receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more shall file with the State Board of Elections a statement disclosing contributions in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election.

K. DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE

(Applicable to all contracts unless the contract is for a law enforcement agency and the agency head or the agency head's designee has determined that application of COMAR 21.11.08 and this certification would be inappropriate in connection with the law enforcement agency's undercover operations.)

I CERTIFY THAT:

(1) Terms defined in COMAR 21.11.08 shall have the same meanings when used in this certification.

(2) By submission of its bid or offer, the business, if other than an individual, certifies and agrees that, with respect to its employees to be employed under a contract resulting from this solicitation, the business shall:

(a) Maintain a workplace free of drug and alcohol abuse during the term of the contract;

(b) Publish a statement notifying its employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of drugs, and the abuse of drugs or alcohol is prohibited in the business' workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of these prohibitions;

- (c) Prohibit its employees from working under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
- (d) Not hire or assign to work on the contract anyone whom the business knows, or in the exercise of due diligence should know, currently abuses drugs or alcohol and is not actively engaged in a bona fide drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program;
- (e) Promptly inform the appropriate law enforcement agency of every drug-related crime that occurs in its workplace if the business has observed the violation or otherwise has reliable information that a violation has occurred;
- (f) Establish drug and alcohol abuse awareness programs to inform its employees about:
 - (i) The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace;
 - (ii) The business' policy of maintaining a drug and alcohol free workplace;
 - (iii) Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees who abuse drugs and alcohol in the workplace;
- (g) Provide all employees engaged in the performance of the contract with a copy of the statement required by §K(2)(b), above;
- (h) Notify its employees in the statement required by §K(2)(b), above, that as a condition of continued employment on the contract, the employee shall:
 - (i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (ii) Notify the employer of any criminal drug or alcohol abuse conviction for an offense occurring in the workplace not later than 5 days after a conviction;
- (i) Notify the procurement officer within 10 days after receiving notice under §K(2)(h)(ii), above, or otherwise receiving actual notice of a conviction;
- (j) Within 30 days after receiving notice under §K(2)(h)(ii), above, or otherwise receiving actual notice of a conviction, impose either of the following sanctions or remedial measures on any employee who is convicted of a drug or alcohol abuse offense occurring in the workplace:
 - (i) Take appropriate personnel action against an employee, up to and including termination; or

(ii) Require an employee to satisfactorily participate in a bona fide drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program; and

(k) Make a good faith effort to maintain a drug and alcohol free workplace through implementation of §K(2)(a)—(j), above.

(3) If the business is an individual, the individual shall certify and agree as set forth in §K(4), below, that the individual shall not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of drugs or the abuse of drugs or alcohol in the performance of the contract.

(4) I acknowledge and agree that:

(a) The award of the contract is conditional upon compliance with COMAR 21.11.08 and this certification;

(b) The violation of the provisions of COMAR 21.11.08 or this certification shall be cause to suspend payments under, or terminate the contract for default under COMAR 21.07.01.11 or 21.07.03.15, as applicable; and

(c) The violation of the provisions of COMAR 21.11.08 or this certification in connection with the contract may, in the exercise of the discretion of the Board of Public Works, result in suspension and debarment of the business under COMAR 21.08.03.

L. CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION REGISTRATION AND TAX PAYMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

(1) The business named above is a (domestic ____) (foreign ____) corporation registered in accordance with the Corporations and Associations Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and that it is in good standing and has filed all of its annual reports, together with filing fees, with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and that the name and address of its resident agent filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is:

Name: _____

Address: _____.

(If not applicable, so state).

(2) Except as validly contested, the business has paid, or has arranged for payment of, all taxes due the State of Maryland and has filed all required returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, as applicable, and will have paid all withholding taxes due the State of Maryland prior to final settlement.

M. CONTINGENT FEES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency working for the business, to solicit or secure the Contract, and that the business has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of the Contract.

N. Repealed.

O. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT this Affidavit is to be furnished to the Procurement Officer and may be distributed to units of: (1) the State of Maryland; (2) counties or other subdivisions of the State of Maryland; (3) other states; and (4) the federal government. I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this Affidavit or any contract resulting from the submission of this bid or proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify or waive, on behalf of the State of Maryland, or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any statutory right or remedy conferred by the Constitution and the laws of Maryland with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the above business with respect to (1) this Affidavit, (2) the contract, and (3) other Affidavits comprising part of the contract.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: _____ By: _____ (Authorized Representative and
Affiant)